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January 10, 2017

Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund Grant Program
Massachusetts Cultural Council
10 St. James Avenue, 3rd floor
Boston, MA 02116-3803

To: Jay Paget, Program Director
Carolyn MacLeod, Program Officer

Subject: Grant Recommendation – Brookline Arts Center, 86 Monmouth Street

Dear Mr. Paget,

We understand that the Brookline Arts Center (BAC) is applying for a matching grant to improve the functionality, accessibility, and capacity of their facility for classes and public events. They will also be investing in the building envelope to preserve the building and maintain its historic structure. The Town of Brookline strongly supports this request.

The BAC has been part of the Brookline community for over fifty years. The BAC is a visual arts center set in a historic fire house providing art classes for all ages. They provide valuable outreach programs by partnering with Brookline Public Housing, Brookline Early Education Program's Parent Child Home Program, Brookline Community Mental Health Center, Brookline High School, Brookline Teen Center, and Brookline Open Studios. The BAC also hosts the Gadsby awards with all 8 Brookline elementary schools participating and exhibiting their work during a community presentation.

With a focus on Art, Artists, and Community the BAC is a valuable cultural asset to the Town of Brookline. The Board of Selectmen is pleased to fully support their efforts to improve their facility.

Sincerely,

Neil Wishinsky
Chairman



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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Charles A. Simmons
Director of Public Buildings

January 4th, 2017

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To: Jay Paget, Program Director
Carolyn MacLeod, Program Officer

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It is my understanding that the Brookline Arts Center (B.A.C.) will be applying for matching grants with the M.C.C for improvements to the B.A.C.

The Town of Brookline whole-heartedly supports this request.

The B.A.C. has been part of the Brookline community for over fifty years. They presently have a long term lease with the Town through the year 2040. They have committed themselves to a short and long term plan to maintain our building, formerly known as Fire Station no. 3. The B.A.C. is responsible for all maintenance, repairs and capital improvements to the building. Over the years they have met this obligation by such building improvements as painting, electrical upgrades, boiler upgrades, roofing and gutter replacement plus many more modifications to help with the function of their program within the building.

The B.A.C. provides a valuable service to the Town of Brookline with their Arts program. For the local residents this is a great asset.

The Town stands behind the Brookline Arts Center and its endeavors. If you should need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Simmons
Director of Public Buildings

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